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10. [] GLC) Received a call from Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, requesting a copy of the Agency budget book and a one-page breakout of our budget. Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) obviously wants this for his use in considering intelligence community budget within the Defense Appropriation bill. Braswell also asked for a citation to and the text of the Economy Act.

Later in the day I provided all of this material to Braswell and Guy McConnell, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, along with a list of services that the Agency has performed for other departments and agencies which might be cut off if section 406 of the HUD Appropriation bill (H. R. 15572) remains in that bill.

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11. [] GLC) Received a call from Vince Rakestraw, Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, asking me for our position on the Freedom of Information Act amendments. I told Rakestraw that we were not in favor of the amendments but had done the best we could to minimize the impact of this legislation and I told him of the efforts being made by the House Government Operations Committee staff to include in the conference report a recognition of the fact that Intelligence Sources and Methods were (like Communications Intelligence and Restricted Data) "born classified." I told Rakestraw that representatives of this office and our Office of General Counsel were attending a meeting at the Department of Justice on this subject this afternoon. Rakestraw was unaware that such a meeting had been scheduled but said that they had arranged to have the House/Senate conference postponed and that he was planning to have a meeting with the congressional staff people at 2:00 p. m. on Friday in an effort to "clean up the present legislation." It is clear that the previous attitude expressed by the Department of State of leaving the bill in bad shape so that a Presidential veto could be supported has now been changed.

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12. [] y - GLC) Left with Jim Calloway, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee, the Director's letter to Chairman John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) expressing his opposition to

[] Committee. Calloway indicated that he plans to have the letter duplicated and sent to all members of the Subcommittee this afternoon (the full Appropriation Committee meets to reconsider this bill tomorrow).

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